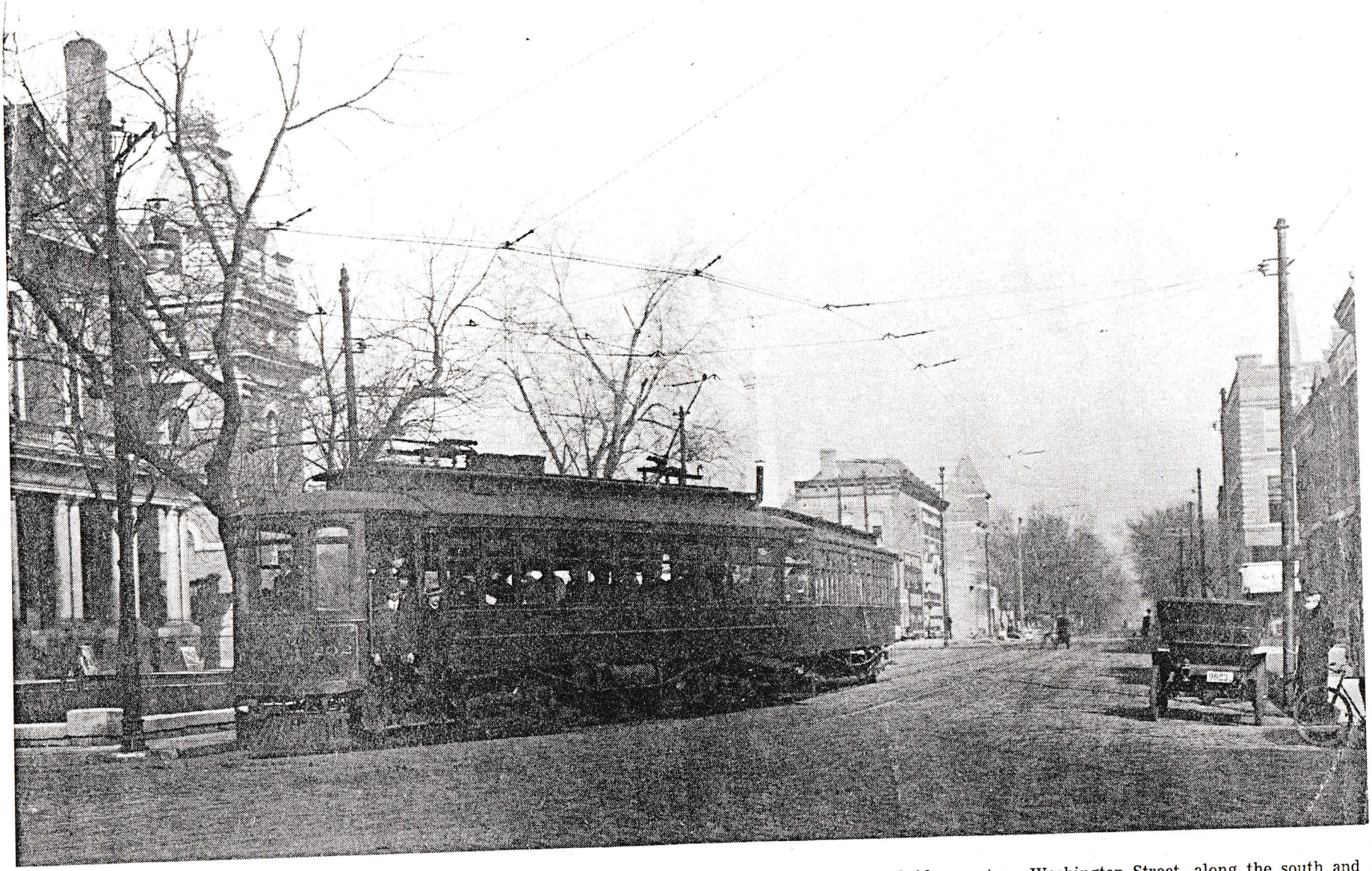

SIXTY-FOUR YEARS AGO TODAY — The first interurban car rolled into Pontiac 64 years ago today. The Bloomington, Pontiac and Joliet Electric Railway Company had been operating an interurban car between Pontiac and Odell for more than five weeks, but a controversy over the crossing of Illinois Central and Wabash railroad tracks at the northeast edge of town delayed running the car into downtown Pontiac. The southern terminus of the interurban tracks was at the northwest corner of the Pontiac Prison. The tracks ran east on Lincoln Street in front of the prison, north on Division Street, across the interurban bridge, east on Washington Street, along the south and east sides of the court house, north on Main Street past the high school, east on Wabash Avenue, and north on Aurora Street out of town. Main office of the line was at the location held for the past years by the Best Ever Cafe on W. Washington St. The last car left Pontiac at 5:15 p.m., Nov. 25, 1925, and returned at 7:30 p.m. on the same date. The photo is owned by Harold Byrne.